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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Sydney—Examination of Rats.

The following information was taken from bulletins issued by the department of public health of New South Wales: During the two weeks ended December 16, 1911, 881 rats were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rats were found.

The last case of human plague was reported May 29, 1909.

The last plague-infected rat was found April 25, 1910.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

Hungary Declared Free From Cholera.

According to information dated January 13 received from the ministry for foreign affairs, Hungary has been declared free from cholera.

CHINA.

Amoy—Plague.

Acting Asst. Surg. Bonthius reports the occurrence of a death from plague in the international settlement of Kulangsu during the week ended January 13.

Hongkong—Communicable Diseases—Examination of Rats.

Surg. Brown reports that during the month of December, 1911, communicable diseases were reported in Hongkong as follows: Diphtheria 16 cases with 7 deaths, plague 4 cases with 3 deaths, smallpox 47 cases with 38 deaths, and typhoid fever 8 cases with 1 death.

During the same period 6,879 rats were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rat was found.

GREECE.

Cerebrospinal Meningitis.

Consul General Gale reported January 13 that cerebrospinal meningitis was present in Thessaly, a district situated in the northern part of Greece, and that the disease continued present in Athens and vicinity.

Consul Gale further reported the occurrence of 2 deaths from cerebrospinal meningitis in Piraeus during the week ended January 29.

HAWAII.

Record of Plague Infection.

The last case of human plague at Honolulu occurred July 12, 1910.

The last plague-infected rat was found at Aiea, 9 miles from Honolulu, April 12, 1910.